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DEPARTMENT PASS DAVID YODER: WINONA COURT, MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA.

BRUSSELS PASS OMAR YODER, NIH

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: W/W - DELILAH YODER AND JAMES HERSCHBERGER

REF: STATE 231385

1. SENATORS BEALL AND SCHWEIKER AND CONGRESSMAN STAGGERS INTERESTED.

2. THERE WERE TWO DAVID HUNTERS IN QUITO THIS SUMMER AND FRIEND OF HERSCHBERGER STILL HERE. HE CALLED ON CONSUL 17TH. SINCE NEITHER HE NOR ALICE GIRARD HAD CONTACT WITH HERSCHBERGER IN ECUADOR THEY UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION. HUNTER TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH HE INTENDS CIRCULATE AMONG YOUNG TRAVELERS IN HOPE SOME WILL RECOGNIZE THEM.

3. PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR MARTINEZ TELEPHONED CONSUL 20TH TO REPORT THAT HE HAD CHECKED OUT REPORT OF TWO AMERICANS HELD CAPTIVE AT MENDEZ BY SHUARA INDIANS AND FOUND IT BASELESS. HE PLANS TRAVEL TO MACUMA TO QUESTION INDIAN WITCHDOCTOR WHOM HE BELIEVES HAS HAD CONTACT WITH YODER AND HERSCHBERGER. MARTINEZ WILL TRAVEL WITH TWO ECUADOREAN POLICEMEN IN AN ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE PLANE THAT WAS ARRANGED BY THE EMBASSY. HE REPORTED ALSO THAT HE INTERVIEWED CARRION ON 14TH

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AND 15TH.

4. IN RESPONSE TO DAVID YODER'S QUESTIONS TO RICHARDSON
IN TELCON 15TH, MARTINEZ STATED AS FOLLOWS: WAS NOT ABLE
TO CONTACT VICENTE CEVALLOS, BUT DOUBTS ANY CONNECTION
WITH CARRION. THERE IS NO BASIS HE COULD UNCOVER TO
REPORT OF TWO DECAPITATED BODIES IN MACAS AREA. RESULTS
OF AMAZON RIVER REPORT WERE NEGATIVE.
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